during testing. Record the mean response of 30 seconds of stabilized sample data as  $x_{\rm O2maxHC.}$ 

- (12) Check the zero response of the FID analyzer using the zero gas used during emission testing. If the mean zero response of 30 seconds of stabilized sample data is within  $\pm 0.5\%$  of the span reference value used in paragraph (d)(5) of this section, then proceed to the next step; otherwise restart the procedure at paragraph (d)(4) of this section.
- (13) Calculate the percent difference between  $x_{\rm O2maxHC}$  and its reference gas concentration. Calculate the percent difference between  $x_{\rm O2avgHC}$  and its reference gas concentration. Calculate the percent difference between  $x_{\rm O2minHC}$  and its reference gas concentration. Determine the maximum percent difference of the three. This is the  $\rm O_2$  interference.
- (14) If the  $O_2$  interference is within  $\pm 2\%$ , the FID passes the  $O_2$  interference verification; otherwise perform one or more of the following to address the deficiency:
- (i) Repeat the verification to determine if a mistake was made during the procedure.
- (ii) Select zero and span gases for emission testing that contain higher or lower O<sub>2</sub> concentrations and repeat the verification.
- (iii) Adjust FID burner air, fuel, and sample flow rates. Note that if you adjust these flow rates on a THC FID to meet the  $O_2$  interference verification, you have reset  $RF_{\rm CH4}$  for the next  $RF_{\rm CH4}$  verification according to §1065.360. Repeat the  $O_2$  interference verification after adjustment and determine  $RF_{\rm CH4}$ .
- (iv) Repair or replace the FID and repeat the  $O_2$  interference verification.
- (v) Demonstrate that the deficiency does not adversely affect your ability to demonstrate compliance with the applicable emission standards.
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## § 1065.365 Nonmethane cutter penetration fractions.

(a) Scope and frequency. If you use a FID analyzer and a nonmethane cutter (NMC) to measure methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), determine the nonmethane cutter's penetration fractions of methane,  $PF_{CH4}$ , and ethane,  $PF_{C2H6}$ . As detailed in this

- section, these penetration fractions may be determined as a combination of NMC penetration fractions and FID analyzer response factors, depending on your particular NMC and FID analyzer configuration. Perform verification after installing the noncutter. Repeat verification within 185 days of testing to verify that the catalytic activity of the cutter has not deteriorated. Note that because nonmethane cutters can deteriorate rapidly and without warning if they are operated outside of certain ranges of gas concentrations and outside of certain temperature ranges, good engineering judgment may dictate that you determine a nonmethane cutter's penetration fractions more frequently.
- (b) Measurement principles. A nonmethane cutter is a heated catalyst that removes nonmethane hydrocarbons from an exhaust sample stream before the FID analyzer measures the remaining hydrocarbon concentration. An ideal nonmethane cutter would have a methane penetration fraction,  $PF_{\rm CH4}$ , of 1.000, and the penetration fraction for all other nonmethane hydrocarbons would be 0.000, as represented by  $PF_{\rm C2H6}$ . The emission calculations in §1065.660 use the measured values from this verification to account for less than ideal NMC performance.
- (c) System requirements. We do not limit NMC penetration fractions to a certain range. However, we recommend that you optimize a nonmethane cutter by adjusting its temperature to achieve a  $PF_{CH4} > 0.85$  and a  $PF_{C2H6} < 0.02$ , as determined by paragraphs (d), (e), or (f) of this section, as applicable. If we use a nonmethane cutter for testing, it will meet this recommendation. If adjusting NMC temperature does not result in achieving both of these specifications simultaneously, we recommend that you replace the catalyst material. Use the most recently determined penetration values from this section to calculate HC emissions according to §1065.660 and §1065.665 as applicable.
- (d) Procedure for a FID calibrated with the NMC. The method described in this paragraph (d) is recommended over the procedures specified in paragraphs (e)

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and (f) of this section. If your FID arrangement is such that a FID is always calibrated to measure  $CH_4$  with the NMC, then span that FID with the NMC using a  $CH_4$  span gas, set the product of that FID's  $CH_4$  response factor and  $CH_4$  penetration fraction, RFPF $_{CH4[NMC-FID]}$ , equal to 1.0 for all emission calculations, and determine its combined ethane ( $C_2H_6$ ) response factor and penetration fraction, RFPF $_{C2H6[NMC-FID]}$  as follows:

- (1) Select  $CH_4$  and  $C_2H_6$  analytical gas mixtures and ensure that both mixtures meet the specifications of § 1065.750. Select a  $CH_4$  concentration that you would use for spanning the FID during emission testing and select a  $C_2H_6$  concentration that is typical of the peak NMHC concentration expected at the hydrocarbon standard or equal to the THC analyzer's span value.
- (2) Start, operate, and optimize the nonmethane cutter according to the manufacturer's instructions, including any temperature optimization.
- (3) Confirm that the FID analyzer meets all the specifications of §1065.360.
- (4) Start and operate the FID analyzer according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- (5) Zero and span the FID with the nonmethane cutter as you would during emission testing. Span the FID through the cutter by using CH<sub>4</sub> span gas.
- (6) Introduce the  $C_2H_6$  analytical gas mixture upstream of the nonmethane cutter. Use good engineering judgment to address the effect of hydrocarbon contamination if your point of introduction is vastly different from the point of zero/span gas introduction.
- (7) Allow time for the analyzer response to stabilize. Stabilization time may include time to purge the nonmethane cutter and to account for the analyzer's response.
- (8) While the analyzer measures a stable concentration, record 30 seconds of sampled data. Calculate the arithmetic mean of these data points.
- (9) Divide the mean  $C_2H_6$  concentration by the reference concentration of  $C_2H_6$ , converted to a  $C_1$  basis. The result is the  $C_2H_6$  combined response factor and penetration fraction, RFPF $_{C_2H_6[NMC-FID]}$ . Use this combined response factor and penetration frac-

tion and the product of the CH<sub>4</sub> response factor and CH<sub>4</sub> penetration fraction, RFPF<sub>CH4[NMC-FID]</sub>, set to 1.0 in emission calculations according to \$1065.660(b)(2)(i), \$1065.660(c)(1)(i), or \$1065.665, as applicable.

- (e) Procedure for a FID calibrated with propane, bypassing the NMC. If you use a single FID for THC and CH<sub>4</sub> determination with an NMC that is calibrated with propane,  $C_3H_8$ , by bypassing the NMC, determine its penetration fractions,  $PF_{C2H6[NMC-FID]}$  and  $PF_{CH4[NMC-FID]}$ , as follows:
- (1) Select  $CH_4$  and  $C_2H_6$  analytical gas mixtures and ensure that both mixtures meet the specifications of § 1065.750. Select a  $CH_4$  concentration that you would use for spanning the FID during emission testing and select a  $C_2H_6$  concentration that is typical of the peak NMHC concentration expected at the hydrocarbon standard or equal to the THC analyzer's span value.
- (2) Start and operate the nonmethane cutter according to the manufacturer's instructions, including any temperature optimization.
- (3) Confirm that the FID analyzer meets all the specifications of §1065.360.
- (4) Start and operate the FID analyzer according to the manufacturer's instructions
- (5) Zero and span the FID as you would during emission testing. Span the FID by bypassing the cutter and by using  $C_3H_8$  span gas.
- (6) Introduce the  $C_2H_6$  analytical gas mixture upstream of the nonmethane cutter. Use good engineering judgment to address the effect of hydrocarbon contamination if your point of introduction is vastly different from the point of zero/span gas introduction.
- (7) Allow time for the analyzer response to stabilize. Stabilization time may include time to purge the nonmethane cutter and to account for the analyzer's response.
- (8) While the analyzer measures a stable concentration, record 30 seconds of sampled data. Calculate the arithmetic mean of these data points.
- (9) Reroute the flow path to bypass the nonmethane cutter, introduce the  $C_2H_6$  analytical gas mixture, and repeat the steps in paragraph (e)(7) through (e)(8) of this section.

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- (10) Divide the mean  $C_2H_6$  concentration measured through the nonmethane cutter by the mean  $C_2H_6$  concentration measured after bypassing the nonmethane cutter. The result is the  $C_2H_6$  penetration fraction,  $PF_{C_2H_6[NMC-FID]}$ . Use this penetration fraction according to §1065.660(b)(2)(ii), §1065.660(c)(1)(ii), or §1065.665, as applicable.
- (11) Repeat the steps in paragraphs (e)(6) through (e)(10) of this section, but with the CH<sub>4</sub> analytical gas mixture instead of  $C_2H_6$ . The result will be the CH<sub>4</sub> penetration fraction, PF<sub>CH4[NMC-FID]</sub>. Use this penetration fraction according to §1065.660(b)(2)(ii), §1065.660(c)(1)(ii), or §1065.665, as applicable.
- (f) Procedure for a FID calibrated with methane, bypassing the NMC. If you use a FID with an NMC that is calibrated with methane, CH<sub>4</sub>, by bypassing the NMC, determine its combined ethane (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) response factor and penetration fraction, RFPF<sub>C2H6[NMC-FID]</sub>, as well as its CH<sub>4</sub> penetration fraction, PF<sub>CH4[NMC-FID]</sub>, as follows:
- (1) Select  $CH_4$  and  $C_2H_6$  analytical gas mixtures and ensure that both mixtures meet the specifications of § 1065.750. Select a  $CH_4$  concentration that you would use for spanning the FID during emission testing and select a  $C_2H_6$  concentration that is typical of the peak NMHC concentration expected at the hydrocarbon standard or equal to the THC analyzer's span value.
- (2) Start and operate the nonmethane cutter according to the manufacturer's instructions, including any temperature optimization.
- (3) Confirm that the FID analyzer meets all the specifications of §1065.360.
- (4) Start and operate the FID analyzer according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- (5) Zero and span the FID as you would during emission testing. Span the FID by bypassing the cutter and by using CH<sub>4</sub> span gas. Note that you must span the FID on a C<sub>1</sub> basis. For example, if your span gas has a methane reference value of 100  $\mu$ mol/mol, the correct FID response to that span gas is 100  $\mu$ mol/mol because there is one carbon atom per CH<sub>4</sub> molecule.
- (6) Introduce the  $C_2H_6$  analytical gas mixture upstream of the nonmethane

- cutter. Use good engineering judgment to address the effect of hydrocarbon contamination if your point of introduction is vastly different from the point of zero/span gas introduction.
- (7) Allow time for the analyzer response to stabilize. Stabilization time may include time to purge the nonmethane cutter and to account for the analyzer's response.
- (8) While the analyzer measures a stable concentration, record 30 seconds of sampled data. Calculate the arithmetic mean of these data points.
- (9) Divide the mean  $C_2H_6$  concentration by the reference concentration of  $C_2H_6$ , converted to a  $C_1$  basis. The result is the  $C_2H_6$  combined response factor and penetration fraction, RFPF $_{C2H6[NMC-FID]}$ . Use this combined response factor and penetration fraction according to 1065.660(b)(2)(iii), 1065.660(c)(1)(iii), or 1065.665, as applicable.
- (10) Introduce the CH<sub>4</sub> analytical gas mixture upstream of the nonmethane cutter. Use good engineering judgment to address the effect of hydrocarbon contamination if your point of introduction is vastly different from the point of zero/span gas introduction.
- (11) Allow time for the analyzer response to stabilize. Stabilization time may include time to purge the nonmethane cutter and to account for the analyzer's response.
- (12) While the analyzer measures a stable concentration, record 30 seconds of sampled data. Calculate the arithmetic mean of these data points.
- (13) Reroute the flow path to bypass the nonmethane cutter, introduce the  ${\rm CH_4}$  analytical gas mixture, and repeat the steps in paragraphs (e)(11) and (12) of this section.
- (14) Divide the mean  $CH_4$  concentration measured through the nonmethane cutter by the mean  $CH_4$  concentration measured after bypassing the nonmethane cutter. The result is the  $CH_4$  penetration fraction,  $PF_{CH_4[NMC-FID]}$ . Use this penetration fraction according to §1065.660(b)(2)(iii), §1065.660(c)(1)(iii), or §1065.665, as applicable.

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# § 1065.370 CLD CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O quench verification.

- (a) Scope and frequency. If you use a CLD analyzer to measure  $NO_X$ , verify the amount of  $H_2O$  and  $CO_2$  quench after installing the CLD analyzer and after major maintenance.
- (b) Measurement principles. H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> can negatively interfere with a CLD's NO<sub>X</sub> response by collisional quenching. which inhibits chemiluminescent reaction that a CLD utilizes to detect  $NO_{X}$ . This procedure and the calculations in §1065.675 determine quench and scale the quench results to the maximum mole fraction of H<sub>2</sub>O and the maximum CO<sub>2</sub> concentration expected during emission testing. If the CLD analyzer uses quench compensation algorithms that utilize H<sub>2</sub>O and/or CO2 measurement instruments, evaluate quench with these instruments active and evaluate quench with the compensation algorithms applied.
- (c) System requirements. A CLD analyzer must have a combined  $H_2O$  and  $CO_2$  quench of  $\pm 2\%$  or less, though we strongly recommend a quench of  $\pm 1\%$  or less. Combined quench is the sum of the  $CO_2$  quench determined as described in paragraph (d) of this section, plus the  $H_2O$  quench determined in paragraph (e) of this section.
- (d)  $CO_2$  quench verification procedure. Use the following method to determine  $CO_2$  quench by using a gas divider that blends binary span gases with zero gas as the diluent and meets the specifications in  $\S 1065.248$ , or use good engineering judgment to develop a different protocol:
- (1) Use PTFE or stainless steel tubing to make necessary connections.
- (2) Configure the gas divider such that nearly equal amounts of the span and diluent gases are blended with each other.
- (3) If the CLD analyzer has an operating mode in which it detects NO-only, as opposed to total  $NO_X$ , operate the CLD analyzer in the NO-only operating mode.
- (4) Use a  $CO_2$  span gas that meets the specifications of §1065.750 and a concentration that is approximately twice the maximum  $CO_2$  concentration expected during emission testing.

- (5) Use an NO span gas that meets the specifications of §1065.750 and a concentration that is approximately twice the maximum NO concentration expected during emission testing.
- (6) Zero and span the CLD analyzer. Span the CLD analyzer with the NO span gas from paragraph (d)(5) of this section through the gas divider. Connect the NO span gas to the span port of the gas divider; connect a zero gas to the diluent port of the gas divider; use the same nominal blend ratio selected in paragraph (d)(2) of this section; and use the gas divider's output concentration of NO to span the CLD analyzer. Apply gas property corrections as necessary to ensure accurate gas division.
- (7) Connect the  $CO_2$  span gas to the span port of the gas divider.
- (8) Connect the NO span gas to the diluent port of the gas divider.
- (9) While flowing NO and CO2 through the gas divider, stabilize the output of the gas divider. Determine the CO2 concentration from the gas divider output, applying gas property correction as necessary to ensure accurate gas division. Record this concentration,  $x_{\text{CO2act}}$ , and use it in the quench verification calculations in §1065.675. Alternatively, you may use a simple gas blending device and use an NDIR to determine this CO<sub>2</sub> concentration. If you use an NDIR, it must meet the requirements of this part for laboratory testing and you must span it with the CO2 span gas from paragraph (d)(4) of this section.
- (10) Measure the NO concentration downstream of the gas divider with the CLD analyzer. Allow time for the analyzer response to stabilize. Stabilization time may include time to purge the transfer line and to account for analyzer response. While the analyzer measures the sample's concentration, record the analyzer's output for 30 seconds. Calculate the arithmetic mean concentration from these data,  $x_{\rm NOmeas}$ . Record  $x_{\rm NOmeas}$ , and use it in the quench verification calculations in §1065.675.
- (11) Calculate the actual NO concentration at the gas divider's outlet,  $x_{\rm NOact}$ , based on the span gas concentrations and  $x_{\rm CO2act}$  according to Equation 1065.675–2. Use the calculated value in the quench verification calculations in Equation 1065.675–1.